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The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GFBCI) and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security (AL-DHS) are pleased to announce the third annual Be Ready Camp in September 2008. Be Ready Camp is an opportunity for over 200 sixth grade students from across Alabama to become Youth Preparedness Delegates. These delegates will attend a residential camp in September 2008 where they will explore ways to engage in individual, family, and community preparedness. In the past, principals have allowed Be Ready Camp to be an excused absence due to the educational experience provided by the camp.

The September 2006 pilot Be Ready Camp received national media attention and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a model for the nation. The Be Ready Camp is held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. During camp, the Youth Preparedness Delegates learn about disaster preparedness and response. The five-day residential camp curriculum will include emergency preparedness, survival, first aid and triage, creating a family disaster plan and emergency kit, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, career exploration, and terrorism awareness. The last evening of camp, students participate in a mock disaster in which they work side-by-side with first responders in response to a simulated plane crash.

Please note the procedures for selection of youth preparedness delegates in the attachment. This information should be disseminated to students currently in the fifth grade. All applications for the camp must be received by May 1, 2008. The local Homeland Security points of contact have the option of selecting Youth Preparedness Delegates from their county.

Questions or additional information may be directed to Tim Bergman of the GFBCI at (334) 954-7440 or [Tim.Bergman@ServeAlabama.gov](mailto:Tim.Bergman@ServeAlabama.gov).

Sincerely,



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Director  
Governor's Office of Faith-Based  
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Jim Walker  
Director  
Alabama Department of  
Homeland Security



## Procedures for Selection of Youth Preparedness Delegates Be Ready Camp, 2008

### Content Submissions

Please have interested students submit one of the following detailing: **“What does being part of a safe community mean to me?”**

- **Essay – 300-500 words in length.**
  - o Spelling, grammar, punctuation, and good paragraph structure apply.
  - o Preferably typed, if not, then good penmanship in blue or black ink.
- **Poster - no larger than 11” x 17”.**
  - o Clarity of topic.
  - o Good spelling, grammar, and punctuation apply.
  - o Good use of imagination, color, and design.
  - o Does it clearly answer the question?
- **Video – 30 seconds to 1 minute in length.**
  - o **VHS, CD, or DVD** format.
  - o Understandable, intelligible, and appropriate.
  - o Imaginative, interesting, and creative.
  - o Does it clearly answer the question?

**All Submissions are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to:**

**Be Ready Camp  
One Commerce Street, Suite 620  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

## Evaluating Rubric

	<b>Beginning</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Developing</b> <b>2</b>	<b>Average</b> <b>3</b>	<b>Above Average</b> <b>4</b>	<b>Exemplary</b> <b>5</b>
<b>Grammar, Punctuation, Use of Literary Tools, Construction, Design</b>	Content is flawed by misuse of grammar. Missing literary devices. Poor creation and design.	Some basic content developed. Some missing grammar and punctuation.	Material is developed without major conflict. Design is passable and functional.	Few errors in literary tools and devices. Design and development are better than average and hint at ideas displayed.	Excellent use of literary tools and devices. Punctuation is accurate and appropriate. Construction and design demonstrate form and function properly.
<b>Imaginative, Creative, Interesting</b>	Little or no imagination. Does not stand out or demonstrate attention to detail, color, or content.	Begins to show some original thought. Basic use of physical or literary design principles.	Decent design points. Shows some forethought and planning. Major points addressed, but are not maintained.	Reasonably well created and developed details. Shows some initiative and original design.	Content is persuasive and well formed. Shows imagination, thoughtfulness and clear purpose.
<b>Does it Clearly Answer the Question?</b>	Does not really come to grips with question and/or is incomplete. Is not persuasive or clear.	Shows a basic understanding of topic. Responds in somewhat clear and concise format.	Submission follows most guidelines but is not stirring or remarkable.	Some well thought ideas and points. May still show some minor conflict of design or delivery.	Provides a clear-cut understanding of the question with a well reasoned and thoughtful response.



**Fax Back Form**

**Name of Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director of Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, we would like to grade and select our own participants for Be Ready Camp 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**, we would not like to grade and select our participants for Be Ready Camp 2008.

**Please return by March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to:**

Be Ready Camp  
One Commerce Street, Suite 620  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
FAX: (334) 242-2885

